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Senator John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, and Representative Albert Rains (D., Ala.), member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, will depart New York August 6 on the S. S. UNITED STATES on a two-month official trip to Europe. They will debark at Southampton on August 11. Return to the United States will be on the S. S. UNITED STATES, departing LeHavre on October 7 and arriving New York on October 11. Both Members will be accompanied by their wives.

Senator Sparkman and Representative Rains expect to visit most of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries to study first-hand the situation there. They expect to gather information on the European Defense Community, the various problems related to the build-up of collective strength in Western Europe, and the progress being made generally under the Mutual Security Program.

The use by Senator Sparkman and Representative Rains of counterpart funds to defray official travel expenses is authorized.

Unfortunately it is impossible to supply addressee posts with an itinerary, other than that they will first visit London, arriving there late on August 11 by automobile from Southampton. The stay there is indefinite as was indicated in DEPTTEL 708 to London requesting hotel reservations. London's reply that reservations were obtained at the Claridge Hotel was transmitted to the party before their departure from Washington.

The party will do their traveling through Europe by private automobile, which is being transported on the S. S. UNITED STATES. Amconsulate, Southampton is requested to meet the group on arrival to assist through customs and do whatever can be done to expedite getting the automobile off the ship in order that the departure by auto for London may be expedited. It is requested that the representative of the Consulate who meets the party have available for delivery to Senator Sparkman and Representative Rains, counterpart funds, which

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should be obtained from Amembassy, London, if not available at Southampton.

Amembassy, London, and all successive posts, are requested to notify onward posts and the Department as the itinerary is determined. It is very possible that some of the addressee posts will be cancelled from the itinerary and that others will be added, as the Department was furnished only a list of the possible countries to be visited and not with a list of cities within each country.

The provisions of the Handbook for Congressional Travel apply. All assistance which can be given to facilitate the accomplishment of the mission will be appreciated.

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